IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 17, 25 and 26 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A printing apparatus comprising:

a generation unit for generating one page of a print image which is larger than one sheet of paper; and

a printing unit for performing printing on one sheet of paper based on one page of the print image, which is larger than the paper and generated by the generation unit,

wherein the generation unit, based on an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper, performs a clipping process for each page to remove a portion according to a portion ~~of the print data which can be printed by the printing unit to prevent the print image~~ of each page which is not printed ~~from deviating the image of each page~~ by marginless printing to generate the print image so that a portion of a same position of the allocated pages is printed, when a plurality of pages of print data printed on one sheet of paper are generated.

2. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the generation unit generates a print image by subjecting the pages to zoom processing according to the allocation number.

3. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the clipping performed by the generation unit executes processing on print data allocated to the effective area of the paper including its boundary and different processing on print data allocated to other areas of the paper.

4. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the allocation number is positive integers one for each of x and y directions of the paper.

5. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the allocation number is allocation numbers one for each of x and y directions of the paper and is calculated for each of the x and y directions based on a particular value of the allocation number and on x- and y-direction sizes of the paper.

6. (Original) A printing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the printing unit can print a print image that is output with at least one side of the paper taken as an arbitrary size, and the generation unit specifies to the printing unit a size of one side of the paper based on the allocation number, positive integers for the x and y directions, and outputs the print image to the printing unit.

7. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the allocation number is a number specified by a specifying unit which specifies the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper.

8. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the generation unit clips a portion of a particular page overrunning a particular area, one of areas produced by dividing the effective area of the paper based on the allocation number, in such a manner that a positional relationship of the particular page allocated to and larger in size than the particular area with respect to the particular area is identical to a positional relationship of the particular page allocated to and larger in size than the effective area of the paper with respect to the effective area of the paper.

9. (Currently Amended) A printing method comprising:

a generation step of generating one page of a print image which is larger than one sheet of paper; and

a printing step of causing a printing unit to perform printing on one sheet of paper based on one page of the print image, which is larger than the paper and generated by the generation step,

wherein the generation step, based on an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper, performs a clipping process for each page to remove a portion ~~of the print data which can be printed by the printing~~

~~unit to prevent the print image~~ according to a portion of each page which is not printed ~~from deviating the image of each page~~ by marginless printing to generate the print image so that a portion of a same position of the allocated pages is printed, when a plurality of pages of print data printed on one sheet of paper are generated.

10. (Original) A printing method according to claim 9, wherein the generation step generates a print image by subjecting the pages to zoom processing according to the allocation number.

11. (Original) A printing method according to claim 9, wherein the clipping performed by the generation step executes processing on print data allocated to the effective area of the paper including its boundary and different processing on print data allocated to other areas of the paper.

12. (Original) A printing method according to claim 9, wherein the allocation number is positive integers one for each of x and y directions of the paper.

13. (Original) A printing method according to claim 9, wherein the allocation number is allocation numbers one for each of x and y directions of the paper and is calculated for each of the x and y directions based on a particular value of the allocation number and on x- and y-direction sizes of the paper.

14. (Original) A printing method according to claim 12, wherein the printing step can print a print image that is output with at least one side of the paper taken as an arbitrary size, and the generation step specifies a size of one side of the paper based on the allocation number, positive integers for the x and y directions, and generates the print image.

15. (Original) A printing method according to claims 9, wherein in the generation step, the allocation number is a number specified by a specifying unit which specifies the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper.

16. (Original) A printing method according to claims 9, wherein the generation step clips a portion of a particular page overrunning a particular area, one of areas produced by dividing the effective area of the paper based on the allocation number, in such a manner that a positional relationship of the particular page allocated to and larger in size than the particular area with respect to the particular area is identical to a positional relationship of the particular page allocated to and larger in size than the effective area of the paper with respect to the effective area of the paper.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program for executing a printing method, the printing method comprising:

a generation step of generating one page of a print image which is larger than one sheet of paper; and

a step of outputting to a printing unit to perform printing on one sheet of paper based on one page of the print image, which is larger than the paper and generated by the generation step,

wherein the generation step, based on an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper, performs a clipping process for each page to remove a portion ~~of the print data which can be printed by the printing unit to prevent the print image~~ according to a portion of each page which is not printed ~~from deviating the image of each page~~ by marginless printing to generate the print image so that a portion of a same position of the allocated pages is printed, when a plurality of pages of print data printed on one sheet of paper are generated.

18. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program according to claim 17, wherein the generation step generates a print image by subjecting the pages to zoom processing according to the allocation number.

19. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program according to claim 17, wherein the clipping performed by the generation step executes processing on print data allocated to the effective area of the paper including its boundary and different processing on print data allocated to other areas of the paper.

20. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program according to claim 17, wherein the allocation number is positive integers one for each of x and y directions of the paper.

21. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program according to claim 17, wherein the allocation number is allocation numbers one for each of x and y directions of the paper and is calculated for each of the x and y directions based on a particular value of the allocation number and on x- and y-direction sizes of the paper.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program according to claim 20, wherein the printing step can print a print image that is output with at least one side of the paper taken as an arbitrary size, and the generation step specifies a size of one side of the paper based on the allocation number, positive integers for the x and y directions, and generates the print image.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program according to claims 17, wherein in the generation step, the allocation number is a number specified by a specifying unit which specifies the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program according to claims 17, wherein the generation step clips a portion of a particular page overrunning a particular area, one of areas produced by dividing the effective area of the paper based on the allocation number, in such a manner that a positional relationship of the particular page allocated to and larger in size than the particular area with respect to the particular area is identical to a positional relationship of the particular page allocated to and larger in size than the effective area of the paper with respect to the effective area of the paper.

25. (Currently Amended) A print data generating apparatus to output to a printing unit which performs printing on one sheet of paper, based on one page of the print image generated so as to be larger than one sheet of paper, comprising:

a setting unit for setting an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper; and

a processing unit for performing a clipping process for each page to remove a portion ~~of the print data which can be printed by the printing unit to prevent the print image~~ according to a portion of each page which is not printed ~~from deviating the image of each page, based on an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper set by the setting unit~~ by marginless printing to generate the print image so that a portion of a same position of the allocated pages is printed, when a plurality of pages of print data printed on one sheet of paper are generated.

26. (Currently Amended) A print data generating method to output to a printing unit which performs printing on one sheet of paper, based on one page of the print image generated so as to be larger than one sheet of paper, comprising:

a setting step for setting an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper; and

a processing step for performing a clipping process for each image to remove a portion ~~of the print data which can be printed by the printing unit to prevent the print image~~ according to a portion of each page which is not printed ~~from deviating the image of each page, based on an allocation number representing the number of pages to be allocated to one sheet of paper set by the setting step~~ by marginless printing to generate the print image so that a portion of a same position of the allocated pages is printed, when a plurality of pages of print data printed on one sheet of paper are generated.